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HCSU Car Bash

Need a place to take out your midterm frustrations? Go down to the track at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 20, where for a small price you can express your inner self at the expense of a 1971 Volvo. A hammer will be provided.

Civil Service Reform

Governor Lowry signed into law May 10 House Bill 2054, known as Civil Service Reform. The new law consolidates the Higher Education Personnel Board and the State Personnel Resources Board, and transfers regulation of about 4,000 state managers to the Department of Personnel.

Proposed gas hike

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission will hold three public hearings to hear customers' views on a proposed rate increase requested by Washington Natural Gas Co. Meeting times and places are as follows: 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 24 in the Tacoma PUD Auditorium at 3628 S. 35th St., Tacoma; Monday, May 24, 4:30 p.m., in the Port of Seattle Commission Room on Pier 69 in Seattle; 1:30 p.m., and Wednesday at the commission's headquarters, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia.

Asbestos removal planned for summer

by Ken Steffenson

During summer quarter 1993, if sufficient funds are approved by Washington state, Highline Community College will undertake the expensive and potentially dangerous construction project of having the asbestos-containing materials (ACM) removed from one, or possibly two buildings on

campus.

Peter Babington, associate director of facilities for capital projects for HCC, said that funds will be available to complete Bldg. 9, but it is unlikely that additional funds will be approved to also renovate Bldg. 19.

Government regulations require asbestos removal only if a building is to be renovated or demolished, and

most government agencies involved with asbestos, including the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency (PSAPCA), now encourage maintenance of asbestos in place rather than complete removal.

Mike Schultz, spokesman for PSAPCA, said that ACM "can be repaired, encapsu-

lated, or if the budget allows, removed. There was a shift three years ago towards maintenance in place rather than removal."

If not done properly, an asbestos removal job can release fibers into the air, making an area more hazardous than it was. But because of

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First hints of summer



Photo by Gary Lewis
These HCC students found a good use for this sunny spot of greenery during the recent spell of warm weather.

HCSU election offers field of seven candidates

by Heather DeLauder

The Highline College Student Union (HCSU) will hold its annual election on May 18 and 19 in the south stairwell of Bldg. 8 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For the first time in HCC history four people are running their campaign as one party: Dave Colbeth (for President); Shannon Adkins (for Vice President of Administration); Clint York (for Vice President of Legislation); and Tim McCann (for Treasurer), who is the sole candidate for that position.

The following candidates are running as independents: John Cassias (for President), Kerri Griffis (for Vice President of Administration), and Dave Lonergan (for Vice President of Legislation).

Colbeth has been a Student-at-Large for the 1992-

93 school year. He served in the military for two years and went to Saudi Arabia for Desert Storm for four months. Colbeth wants to promote a sense of community and provide a forum a diverse spectrum of ideas. He feels that it is the duty of the student body president to be a digger and information broker.

"We need more political leaders instead of politicians," Colbeth said. "I think of a politician as someone who runs on their own juice, full of themselves, and just wants the title. A political leader is someone who listens, learns, leads, and acts on what people want."

Cassias, who is running against Colbeth for president, served as HCSU treasurer for the 1992-93 school year. Cas-

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If another site can't be found by 1996, third runway is a go

Many people still want issue grounded for further study

by Heather DeLauder

The Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC), voted "yes" to the third runway at Sea-Tac Airport on Thursday, April 29, 1993 at the Seattle

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Center Flag Pavilion. The plan stipulates that if a new regional airport site cannot be found before April 1, 1996, a third runway will have to be constructed.

Representatives from King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties and various city and town representa-

tives from Washington attended the meeting and cast

"If we build a third runway, it will only be good until the year 2010, and then we will run out of capacity again."

Jim Murphy

their votes. The meeting was open to the public as well. Out of 1,150 votes cast, 89

percent voted "yes" for the third runway, while only 11 percent voted "no."

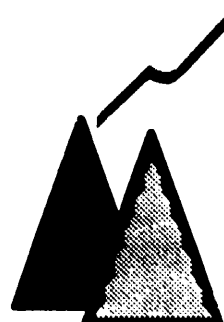
Representatives from Burien, Des Moines, Normandy Park, Federal Way, Tukwila, Mercer Island and some of the members

from the King County Council were among those who voted "no" on the proposal.

According to Normandy Park City Manager Jim Murphy, his city turned thumbs down on the proposal because there was not enough time to find another location for a new airport. "If we build a third runway, it will only be

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EDITORIALS

Opposing viewpoints

Role-playing games fight to win the battle for acceptance

Games take the heat from a critic

by Anne Meldrum
Features Editor

Reality is the unexplainable thing we are stuck in. We live and breath it everyday. It's something that most people are required to deal with — unless they happen to be role-playing game buffs.

Role-playing games are just an immature way of escaping the realities of today by being transported into a fantasy world of wizards, demons, dragons, and damsels in distress. The line between what is reality and what is fantasy is a precariously thin one where role-playing games are concerned.

There is no formal definition to describe the games, but they are usually oriented around a fantasy-type story and involve special dice and an inch-thick instruction manual. The players design characters and participate in fantasy adventures. There are even lead figurines and other paraphernalia for the fanatics who get consumed by these game.

The thin line gets crossed when role players don't have a firm grip on reality. Many players talk about their adventures as if they were their characters and had experienced the adventures themselves. This is a sure sign that they have way too much time on their hands. If they want a real adventure, try driving on the Autobahn without a seat belt.

Reality takes a back seat when the fantasy games take hours, and players can go all day disregarding other responsibilities they might have. They are stuck in a fantasy world. For younger people, it takes away from valuable homework time. For the adult player, it can mean neglecting mature responsibilities.

The time spent playing these games could be used for bonding with families or enjoying the newspaper (which contains current events and things that are happening in the real world). The

It's a simple case of stereotyping

by Cory Magel

There are people in society who believe that most role-playing games (RPGs) are inherently evil, hold no value, and that role players are psychotic cultists who cannot separate fiction from reality. Games such as Dungeons and Dragons are slowly twisting their minds

devils in some games cause satanic outbursts.

There are devils and demons in the Bible, too. Did they cause David Koresh to go insane, kill others, and himself? No. He was nuts to begin with, as are Dungeons and Dragons players who do similar things.

Contrary to popular belief, there is no 'typical' gamer. In my group alone, we have had males, females, blacks, whites, Asians, Mormons, Catholics, Protestants, Atheists, rockers, rappers, classical music fans, jocks, motorheads and almost every other different kind of person.

A stereotype that needs to be disputed is that RPGs have absolutely no value. A topic that is rarely discussed is what RPGs exactly are and what benefits they provide.

In general, the typical RPG session consists of a few friends, and the consumption of pizza and soft drinks. We work with each other and against the game master to complete the game, our mission, and the puzzles we encounter.

We can play for hours on end if we really get into the game, rarely losing concentration. Game breaks usually consist of good-natured discussions ranging from who's going to win the Superbowl to moral and political topics. Either way, there are always a wide variety of opinions expressed.

In a game, role players have to be



long hours that are wasted in this fruitless experience could be time spent on things that really matter.

Most role players contend that an active imagination is necessary to succeed in the role-playing game

until they snap and kill themselves or others.

RPGs are entertaining games. No more, no less. Some role players are into Satanism, but there are also people who drive Chevrolet cars that are into Satanism. I don't think driving a Chevy somehow influences them to become devil worshippers.

It is not true that the demons and

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Campus Commentary

compiled by Krista Sohayda
photographed by Gary Lewis

Question: Should marijuana be legal in Washington state?



"No. Marijuana should not be used at all, in any way."
—Ben Miller
HCC student



"I don't think it should be legalized. I don't agree with anything that changes your perception or can become a crutch."
—Margaret Hunsperger
HCC student



"I think it should be legal. A lot of people in this state are using. It doesn't have as many health hazards as smoking cigarettes."
—Jamie Hausmann
Tazza Employee



"No, because it's not good for the kids. Yes, because it could be good for the economy."
—Erik Yates
HCC student

'Clam' is clarified in letter to the editor

To: ThunderWord Editor

As a result of a recent "tongue-in-cheek" letter to the editor in the student newspaper, my office has received a number of calls regarding the "clam." In order to eliminate the confusion, I would like to provide some clarification.

First, the college has had at least two faculty/staff committees working over the last five years, with authorization from Presidents Gordon and Command, to develop some more contemporary visual graphic images for the college (i.e., logos, seals, crests, stationery, note pads, business cards, thank-you notes, etc.) The graphic results of those committees (and the work by Joan Koehler, Thea Lerman and Gary Nelson) can be seen in the numerous, attractive additions to the campus stationery-brochure-flyer lines. Unfortunately, neither committee was able to bring to production an additional general stationery option.

Last fall, I approached President Command to seek authorization for Instruction to add an additional experimental stationery line. He approved, and the college contracted with Gary Nelson to develop an all-purpose stationery line to supplement the current one. As I recall, there were only two design caveats; first the

stationery had to be more recyclable (state requirement), and second, we should try to avoid trees since so many other Washington colleges use them.

I believe we were fortunate to have someone as talented and experienced as Professor Nelson design the new stationery; and that is indeed an attractive option for the college. And while the new graphic is an experiment and any department is welcome to use it on stationery, business cards, note pads, etc., the college may add/delete other graphics over the years to ensure that we are presenting a fresh, contemporary image. I should add that there are a number of other full-sized stationery lines currently used on campus which vary in masthead, color, print style, etc., including those used exclusively by the President, the Instructional Computing Center, Title III, the Foundation, the Bookstore, etc. I believe even the Athletic Department has note pads with its own distinct version of the Thunderbird.

As clarification, the college has no plans, nor has had any discussions that I am aware of, to change the name of the mascot. Also, the college's name as it appears on our official seal is HIGHLINE COLLEGE,

COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT IX. I checked with the accreditation team during their recent visit regarding the use or non-use of "COMMUNITY" in our literature and was told it was a non-issue. For your general information, Clark College, Pierce College, Skagit Valley College, Wenatchee Valley College, Peninsula College, and Grays Harbor College, like Highline College, periodically add or delete the word "community" on the masthead of their literature also. Regarding the clam, it is an escallop. The escallop, as it appears on our new graphic, is an ancient symbol of the search (pilgrimage) for knowledge (truth).

Please feel free to order/re-order the old stationery or the new stationery as your personal tastes are so inclined. Thanks.

Owen Cargol, Vice President
For Academic Affairs

P.S. For more information on the meaning of thunderbirds, clams, escallops, and other symbols used in the Pacific Northwest Native People's culture, see the museum of anthropology on the campus of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, B.C.

The Editor's Soapbox

If Rush Limbaugh can't take the heat, he should stay off the air

by Jillian Willingham
Editorials Editor

Sometimes, even if something is ignored, it will not go away. That's why I decided I would have to address an issue that some of us strive to avoid — Rush Limbaugh.

I'm sure there are Limbaugh fans in the Highline Community College population, but there is something you need to know: he is a big baby.

Normally, I don't pay attention to anything spewed forth from conservative commentator Limbaugh's right-wing mouth. I don't need to clutter my life with radical Republican ideals and insults. But on May 5, as I was skimming through *USA Today*, I came across a piece of fluff news concerning Rush. It stated the following: "Clinton, at a weekend dinner for White House correspondents, had joked that Limbaugh defended Attorney General Janet Reno after the disastrous end of the 51-day standoff in Waco, Texas, only 'because she was attacked by a black guy,' a reference to Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., who suggested Reno should resign."

After this joke by President Clinton, guess who got upset?

Yet Rush considers himself the "furthest thing in the world from a racist." Does that mean that he is an equal rights supporter, civil rights backer, or even a fair judge of character?

The fluff bit continued, "Limbaugh, who frequently bashes 'feminazis,' Hillary Clinton, 'environmental wackos' and the liberal media on his radio and TV shows, complained Clinton had called him a racist." This is the real kicker: "Limbaugh said he's 'absolutely the furthest thing in the world from a racist.'"

Consequently, the White House did issue an apology to Rush, stating that Clinton was attempting to be funny but hadn't quite succeeded.

The feeling that I perceived from this whole thing is that if you can't take the heat, stay off the air. Rush's TV and radio shows are known as not simply right-wing beliefs being expressed, but as a place to tune into to see who Rush will ridicule today. Women and minorities, as well as liberal politicians, are common targets.

Yet Rush considers himself the "furthest thing in the world from a racist." Does that mean that he is an equal rights supporter, civil rights backer, or even a fair judge of character? That certainly isn't apparent from listening to his radio show.

He casually throws out insults over the air waves everyday, and suddenly, because the President insults him, he gets offended. If everyone had such thin skin, Rush would have been assassinated by now.

But luckily, or unluckily, not everyone is as sensitive as Rush Limbaugh hopes he appears to be.

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Role-playing game's merit is in question

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world. If this is true, why don't they use their talents to produce something creative in the real world? It seems that all this potential creativity is being wasted on useless games that don't produce a thing.

Instead of investing time and creativity in their future, role players are stuck in a fantasy world. These people need a serious dose of reality.

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able to think on their feet. They must have a quick, shrewd and creative mind for solving complex riddles, planning strategies and organizing the group to work together for maximum compatibility and performance. They also have to learn how to be empathic by putting themselves in the shoes of others and thinking like their character would.

Due to the wide selection of information contained in RPGs, a large vocabulary is often developed, as well as general knowledge of the world.

It is not unusual to find subjects such as mythology, humanities, science, English, mathematics, history, anthropology, psychology, sociology, social science, human relationships, and philosophy in RPGs.

Can you get all that from Monopoly?

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FEATURES

HCC students: what they really wear under there

by Heather DeLauder

Underwear has come a long way since Eve plucked the first fig leaf off the vine, threw it at Adam, and said, "For God's sake, cover that thing up."

We can all be happy that the fig-leaf phase has gone the way of the dinosaur and the Charleston. Today, shoppers are faced with a variety of choices and must decide between style, color and brand.

What do student's at HCC prefer? According to a survey taken at Highline Community College, briefs, the underwear that has been passed down from one generation to another, was the number-one choice, preferred by both men and women.

"I have never had a pair of boxers," said HCC student Rick Reynolds. "I prefer briefs. It's something I am most used to. Briefs are the most familiar because I am a

swimmer, I am used to it."

According to a salespeople at both Nordstrom and Lamonts, briefs are the number-one seller. A saleswoman at The Bon Marche said the ratio between briefs and boxers bought is about fifty-fifty, but teenage girls are the one's buying the greatest percentage of boxer shorts.

Out of the ninety surveys distributed throughout classes and the cafeteria, thirty-nine of the surveys were completed.

Most students that took the survey preferred briefs. Twenty-three people voted for briefs because of their comfort, looks and flexibility.

Out of the twenty-three people, eight of them were men and 15 were women. The ages ranged from 19 to 55. "I prefer briefs, because they feel more comfortable," said HCC student-at-large Ray Morris. HCC student

Bluesette Hoit said, "I like briefs. I think boxers are ugly."

The next most popular underwear worn, according to the survey, are boxers. Out of ten people who preferred boxers, four were men and six were women.

The women preferred boxers because of the looks, color, and texture. Men preferred boxers for the flexibility and the comfort. These ages ranged from 20 to 39.

According to the survey, the younger generation wears boxers more.

According to Latasha Robinson a student at HCC said, "I prefer boxers, because they are not so form fitting, and they look more comfortable."

Of the remaining surveys, most preferred other types of underwear, such as the infamous g-strings, bikini briefs, or *au naturel*. The reasons stated were mostly for flexibility and looks.



Photo by Gary Lewis

HCC men bare the truth about their drawers. A survey conducted by *The ThunderWord* staff reveals students preferences for boxers or briefs.

Women celebrate unique capabilities

by Krista Sohayda

On May 21, Women's Program is hosting the 11th annual Women's Celebration at Highline Community College from noon to 10 p.m. The celebration offers many kinds of workshops, ranging from subjects such as menopause to the world problem of raped and tortured women in former Yugoslavia.

This celebration will feature well-known 90-year-old environmental activist Hazel Wolf, who is discussing great women she has met in her lifetime.

"Ladies Don't Drum" is a

unique ensemble which combines African, Latin and Middle Eastern percussion with social and political experiences to introduce a new kind of music for the '90s and will be performing in the celebration also.

"Local Access," a group of theater artists and educators whose mission is educate audiences on historical and contemporary issues, is performing "I Dream A World: the play." The play is about black women whose ancestors were brought to the U.S. beginning in 1619 and have lived through conditions so horrible that history books

usually describe them only in the abstract.

For the last ten years, Women's Programs have sponsored this event and they hope that this year's event will enrich, educate and entertain the women who attend like the previous celebrations.

Cindy Avaiusini, office manager for Women's Programs, said the celebration was designed "to encourage women to focus on their capabilities and talents that each one of them have." Avaiusini went on to say that "this is the one of the big events we do. This is our favorite one."

Student
Outcomes
Assessment

Student
Self-Assessment
Questions

What is the best thing about your college education right now? What could HCC do to make it even better? What could you do to make it even better?

Student self-assessment questions are meant to be "food for thought," but we would love to have your written answers to these and future questions in the Self-Assessment Box in the cafeteria Bldg. 8



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Plan to attend SPU's Transfer Information Night on May 18...

Students interested in transferring to SPU are invited to attend a special information night Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 p.m. in Demaray Hall 150 on campus (6th W. & W. Bertona Sts.). Meet representatives from admissions, advising, financial aid, career development and student life. Plus, faculty members will be on hand to answer specific program questions.

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Habitat for Humanity provides homes for needy

by Davina Noltan
Copy Editor



Habitat for Humanity International is a non-denominational Christian group made up of volunteers around the world who work to provide housing for low-income families.

Founded in 1986, the organization provides homes to qualifying families on the basis of need, not on the grounds of color, religion, or ethnic background.

Homes are built with the cooperation between Habitat and the person who will own the home. After the house is built, it is sold to the family on a no-profit, no-interest mortgage. All mortgage payments go back into Habitat to buy more homes.

Families are selected on the basis of need, ability to make payments, and good character. A family may include aunt, uncles, grandparents, etc., in addition to one or two-parent households.

An additional requirement for a prospective family is that they must be able to work

500 hours of "sweat equity" or volunteer labor for other Habitat projects.

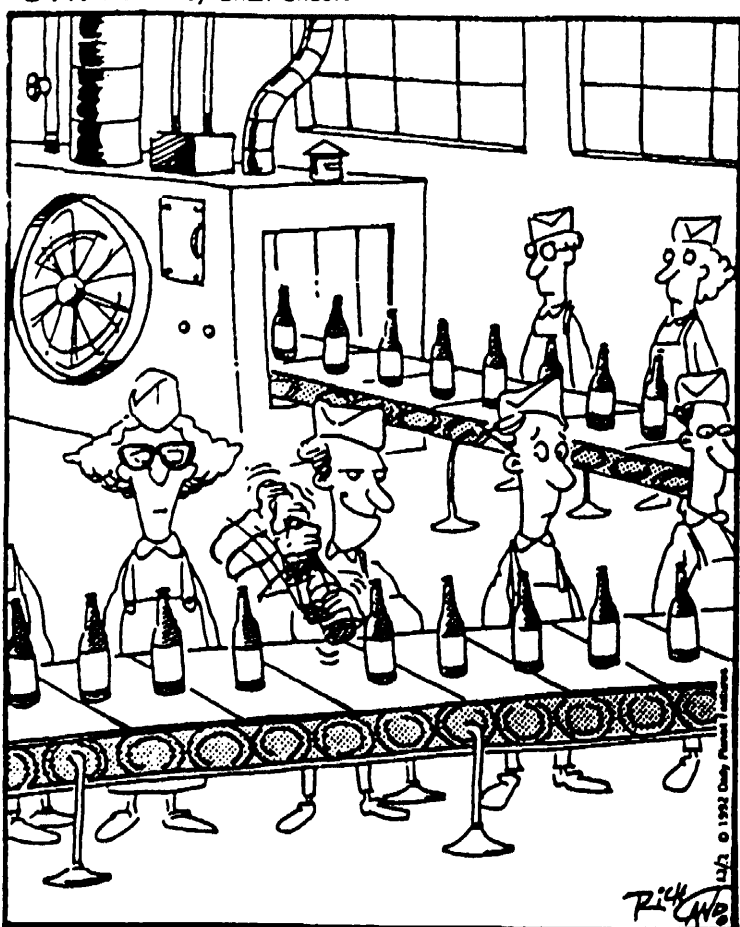
According to Anne-Marie Takacs, a spokesperson for Habitat from Humanities, there are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available for college students this summer. The first step in becoming a Habitat for Humanity volunteer is to attend a potluck at St. Patrick's Church in Seattle.

Opportunities exist in each of the eight committees: fund raising, public relations, finance, site selection, family selection, family nurturing, volunteer, and construction. Volunteers are required to participate in one meeting per month. "It all depends on what your role is on the committee," Takacs says.

The second step is to call Takacs at 283-3672 or call the Seattle Habitat for Humanity office at 324-7351.

Takacs highly recommends volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. "I wouldn't be doing it if I didn't believe in it. It's your leisure time you're giving up," Takacs says. She also said that few people who have applied for housing through Habitat have been turned away and that many families make tremendous improvements in their lives.

CHAOS by Brian Shuster



Suddenly and without warning, Chester snapped and started the biggest darned soda-fight the company had ever seen.

What's Happening

A calendar of community and campus events for May 17 through 31.

Andanza, a Boston-based Latin American folk ensemble performs "Songs of Latin America." They play traditional and contemporary music from Latin America.

Date: May 27

Time: 12 p.m.

Place: Outside HCC Library Plaza; in case of rain, in Bldg. 7.

Caricatures by Tom Hofstedt

Get a free caricature done by Tom Hofstedt.

Date: May 27

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: Outside HCC Library Plaza; in case of rain, in Bldg. 8.

Women's Celebration

Come and enjoy workshops, a play, a guest speaker, and a dinner.

Date: May 21

Time: 12 p.m.

Place: Bldg. 7 for keynote speaker and play; Bldg. 8 (Cafeteria) for dinner. Other locations to be announced.

Cost: \$20 public fee and \$10 student and low-income fee.

For locations and more information, contact Julie Burr at ext. 340.

Seattle Symphony

The Seattle Symphony will perform symphonic works from the great Russian composers such as Prokofiev, Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, and Glinka.

Date: May 22

Time: 2 p.m.

Place: McCurdy Pavilion

Cost: \$15 at the door or \$13 in advance.

For more information, call Centrum at 1-800-733-3608.

Care to Dance

Seattle's annual AIDS dance-a-thon benefits Chicken Soup Brigade and is hosted by John Keister.

Date: May 22

Time: 6 p.m.

Place: Seattle Center Exhibition Hall

For more information, call 1-206-322-CARE.

Salmon Bake

Multicultural Services hosts its annual Salmon Bake.

Date: May 26

Time: 11:30 a.m. (until the fish runs out.)

Place: Under the walkway near Bldg. 15

Contact Multicultural Services at ext. 269

Styles state more than just personality

by Jennifer Kelly

All around the Highline Community College campus, fashion styles bring a splash of creativity. From head to toe, students dress in diverse styles.

Many students wear clothes they see advertised throughout newspapers, magazines and television commercials with brand labels such as Cross Colors, Levi Strauss, or Guess.

However, some students are not influenced by the fashion labels they see. Instead they dress far different from the "in crowd."

Ahmad (last name withheld), a 23-year-old HCC student, is motivated by his religion to dress a certain way.

Strongly believing in his religion, which is Islam, Ahmad's attire consists of African jewelry and a "garb," a white robe that he wears practically everyday.

Jackie Frazier, Ahmad's sister-in-law, said, "If Ahmad is not wearing his 'robe of righteousness,' he is to carry

it at all times—in his arm, hand, or in a bag, according to Islam's literature, the Qu'ran."

Ahmad's hairstyle is also dependent upon his religion. His hair is in short dreadlocks, which are twisted pieces of the hair that are sectioned off.

"Muslims are not supposed to cut or shave their hair. Instead, they are to let it grow out," Frazier said.

Although many people stare at Ahmad's hair and style of clothes, "He is a serious, confident, person and doesn't care when people stare," Frazier said.

On the other hand, Eimi (last name withheld), another HCC student, dresses in old-fashioned style clothes and antique jewelry.

Her "New Wave" style includes clothing and accessories, worn in the 1930s through the early 1980s.

In the ninth grade, Eimi decided to conform to "New Wave."

"I was sick of dressing the same as everyone else," she said. At this particular time in

her life, Eimi searched for a new look.

"I didn't have a lot of friends to begin with so I started hanging around anti-social people," she said.

Eimi compares dressing to stamp collecting. "As a stamp collector, you gather various stamps, and since I like buying old-fashioned clothing and jewelry, I might as well wear it," Eimi said.

Occasionally, Eimi shops at department stores, such as The Bon Marche, Mervyn's, or Nordstrom, but she usually purchases her items at thrift stores and antique shops.

As a result of her "New Wave" style and her love for antique clothing, Eimi plans to major in Fashion Merchandising and wants to "control what the world wears," she said.

Bethany Jue, a HCC student who is partially influenced by the media when shopping for clothes, said, "It is up to the individual to dress a certain way. Each person has a different way of expressing themselves."

SPORTS

Water polo at HCC? Unique idea now a reality

Students key to club formation

by James Lawson

One of the toughest, most physically demanding athletic activities is now a club sport at Highline Community College. With thirteen members and a dedicated coach, HCC is home to the first community college water polo team in the state of Washington.

The idea for starting a water polo team is credited to player/coaches Jeremy Gerking and Greg Stearns. "This started as a swim club. There were some people from the swim club who played water polo in high school," Gerking said. "Everybody seemed to be interested and soon we had a water polo team."

Shortly afterwards, Gerking asked Sam Shabb to be advisor for the water polo team. Shabb is the only teacher on campus that has direct experience with water polo and swimming; he was a member of the Stanford University team in college and is currently on a state league team.

"I have always played water polo and really enjoy it," Shabb said. "With the team I'm on now, we travel up to Canada,

Oregon, California, Arizona and New Mexico. We are trying to promote water polo, and I want to put something back into it."

HCC water polo is currently considered a club sport. Since HCC is the only community college on the west side of the Cascade Mountains with a swimming pool, Shabb would like to see a team here. "The swimming pool is too much of a resource to waste," Shabb said. "The University of Washington started with a club team with little experience and now they're the best collegiate team in the state."

HCC water polo team consists of eight males and five females. Half of the players on the team have water polo experience. Both Gerking and Stearns have played water polo before, and top goalie Mike Milanowski was on the Jr. National team. Dan Drasher was on second team all-state and also plays goalie.

"We have a utility-shuffle lineup which will help us. We can change formations depending on what type of situation we're in," Stearns said. "We can play a power formation for offense or can set up defensively."

The HCC water polo team's first competition was on Saturday, May 8. HCC held a



Photo by Gary Lewis

No 'horsing around' in this polo sport, as the players have to rely on sheer endurance to stay afloat.

round-robin tournament consisting of teams from Western Washington University and Central Washington University.

The first game pitted HCC against WWU. HCC played well in its first game, but the score ended up tied 9-9. Marty Edlund, Ned Jacobsen, Max Milton and Stearns all scored goals with Drasher and Milanowski splitting time at goalie.

In game two, HCC went against CWU. From the start,

HCC took control of the game and won decisively 10-6. Goals were scored by Jacobsen, Milton, Edlund, Stearns and Kazufumi Watanabe. Drasher and Milanowski proved to be a winning combination at goalie.

After the round-robin competition, HCC and WWU finished with identical 1-0-1 records. Both teams agreed to play one more game and HCC came out with a vengeance. HCC jumped out to a 3-0 lead and went on to win 10-8 to win its first annual HCC water polo

tournament. Goals in game three were scored by Edlund, Jacobsen, Milton, and Stearns.

Next year, the HCC water polo team may be in a league with various teams from the Northwest. "We're trying to get teams from Western, Central, Washington State, UW, Idaho and PLU," Gerking said.

If any HCC students are interested in playing water polo, they should contact Gerking, Stearns or Shabb at 878-3710, ext. 517.



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Highline track's Peter Votava has come a long way, literally



Photo by Gary Lewis
Peter Votava says that workouts in the U.S. are much different from those in the Czech-Republic.

to attend a four-year college. According to Jodi Page and Jeff Berry, fellow track teammates, this has been his motivation throughout the year for doing the best he can. Votava said, "If I don't receive a scholarship, I'll go back and attend college there [Czech-Republic]."

Leaving his mother, father, and brother, Votava left his homeland of the Czech-Republic in the HCC student exchange program last September. At first, Votava expected to attend HCC for one

Votava also spent time at Brunel University in England before coming to America. In England, Steve Beckly, a javelin instructor who teaches proven, world-record techniques, taught Votava how to throw the javelin, which he now specializes in.

Teammates Berry and Page both said that the team performs vigorous workouts October through February in preparation for events months away. This type of training is a bit different from what Votava previously encountered. Votava told Berry that in the Czech-Republic, they would "get-up, train, and then go to the pub [tavern]."

These training regiments also go hand-in-hand with the culture differences which pop-up from time-to-time with Votava. Berry, who rooms with Votava during 'on the road' track meets, recalls when Votava came to him and asked him about some guy who said, "I worked my ass off." Votava, who was not culturally adept, didn't quite know what that meant.

Although there may be some cultural boundaries for Votava, he has found that food has no boundaries. "I like food," Votava said. Even his teammates Berry and Page said, "The guy can eat!"

Votava and the HCC track team will be competing on May 27 and 28 at the NWAACC Championships held in Spokane.

by Ken Vanderpoel

The track athlete is unlike any other athlete. They compete not against each other, but against themselves. A thousandth of the second may glorify their dreams, or cripple their hopes. Peter Votava, Highline Community College exchange student and track athlete, competes under these circumstances with hopes of gaining a track scholarship.

Votava said he wants to acquire a track scholarship in order to stay in the United States

school year and then return. "It's good here, because it's not boring," Votava said.

In his homeland, Votava spent two years at Pilsen University studying computer science as a major and business as a minor. Votava said, "I usually spent 12 to 14 hours a day studying."

Votava has carried his computer training to HCC, where he works part time in the computer lab. "He's a nice boy," said Brenda Osborn, teaching aide at the computer lab.

'A work of Artz...'



Photo by Gary Lewis

Mary Artz cradles her newly-born daughter Stefanie Marie.

by Krista Sohayda

Mary Artz, head coach of HCC women's basketball, gave birth to an eight-pound, two-and-a-half-ounce baby girl on April 23, 1993.

Mary and her husband Thomas named their child Stefanie Marie Artz.

Stefanie is the Artz' first child. "It's a feeling you can't describe," said Artz.

Artz plans to take the remainder of spring quarter off, as well as all of summer quarter. She plans to be back at HCC next fall to resume teaching her classes and coaching the women's basketball team.

Editor's notes: M's and Sonics in good shape

by Matt McGinnis
Sports Editor

Two brief thoughts on the Seattle sports scene. First Sonics, then Mariners.

Sonics: Don't we all miss Benoit Benjamin and Doug Christie? Sure, Sam Perkins may have single-handedly saved the Sonics from being ousted by the Utah Jazz, and

sure, he may have dropped down three-pointers last week with the precision of a Rolex watch, but has he really meant that much to the success of the Sonics?

Answer: yes.

Without knowing the results of the two playoff games over the weekend, I predict that the Sonics will come out of Houston with at least one victory. Make your reservations now — Sonics versus Suns in the Western Conference finals.

Mariners: If the Mariners can stay within three or four games of the division lead while Edgar Martinez, Dave Fleming, and Chris Bosio fully recuperate, they will seriously contend for the pennant come October.

Just think, if the Mariners are playing .500 ball without those key players, what's going to happen when those players finally come back?

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Group of four to run against independent candidates in election

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sias was also the Toastmasters vice president of education and the president of the Pi Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He intends to get the students involved in the going-on at HCC.

"I feel the students need a good strong voice," Cassias said. "I am not a political animal, but I get involved because I care."

Shannon Adkins believes that the office of Vice President of Administration would help her to see the student government from all angles.

"When someone else feels strongly about something, I [would] try to be the tool for them, to make sure their opinions are sought after and listened to," Adkins said.

Griffis, current Vice President of legislation, is running against Adkins. She organized the legislative card campaign and coordinated sexual awareness week.

"Bruce Mackintosh, HCSU advisor, has called this group of students the most

productive group he has ever had in his 17 years as advisor," Griffis said. Griffis would like to build stronger clubs on campus and get more information out to students about the happenings at HCC.

"It does not matter how many hours I get paid for, I will work until the job gets done," Griffis said.

York, running for Vice President of Legislation has been the president of the Physics Club this year. York says he would use the office to tackle major projects and deal with constitutional issues.

"I would also keep pressure on the reps in Olympia, so that we continue to get funded at community colleges," York said. "I will try to be as honest as possible and see all the sides of the issues."

Loneragan, who is running for Vice President of Legislation, is the president of the Toastmasters Club and has also chaired other clubs. "I am running ... because I think students should be interested in the runnings of the campus," Loneragan said.

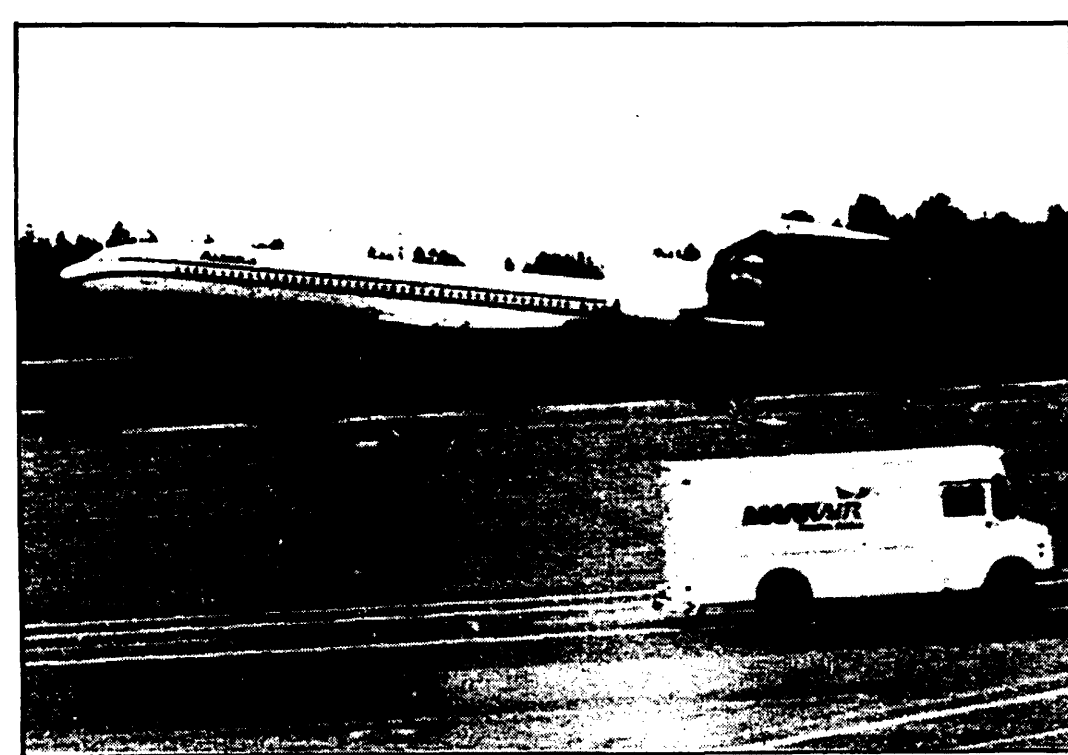


Photo by Gary Lewis

The long controversy over a possible third runway at Sea-Tac Airport may finally be on its way to resolution.

Runway naysayers hope for alternative

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good until the year 2010, and then we will run out of capacity again," Murphy said.

Supporters are confident that the third runway will be constructed because of the time restraints placed on the Search Committee to find a new runway.

"I don't feel confident that in three years they could find another airport site," said Earl Munday, Port of Seattle manager of noise remedy. "It

could take 30 years, and they still may be looking. It could get even harder to find a location for an airport if they wait too long because of urbanization."

Opponents are looking in force to find a new airport site before their three-year limit is up.

"I think we need a lot more time to look for a location," Murphy said. "The reason I think we did not get more time is because the FAA [Federal Aviation Administration] does not want us to find an airport."

As for the residents of SeaTac, more than 10,000 homes in the area will be eligible for soundproofing insulation to cut down on the high noise levels.

House Bill 1915 may help residents out. Under current law, the Port of Seattle is required to soundproof eligible homes only one time. This bill does not include homeowners who need additional insulation because of additional air-traffic noise.

Highline Community College may also receive money from the Port of Seattle.

Asbestos removal could come with price tag of \$470,000

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planned renovations to air conditioning and ventilation systems and poor conditions of certain ACM in Bldg. 9, administrators at HCC have found that removal is the necessary choice.

"The issue is a complicated one," Laura Saunders, vice-president of administration at HCC, said. "Basically, we're removing it because a lot of our asbestos has become friable; because it's breaking up, and that's because the roofs leaked."

According to the EPA's booklet "Managing Asbestos in Place," friable asbestos is "Any material that contains greater than one percent as-

bestos, and which can be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure."

This damage can cause the microscopic asbestos fibers to be released into the air, and they can then be inhaled. Related health risks listed by the EPA's booklet include "asbestosis (a fibrous scarring of the lungs), lung cancer, and mesothelioma (a cancer of the lining of the chest and abdominal cavity)."

The most common friable ACM in HCC buildings is the sprayed-on acoustical ceiling texture found in most buildings. This tan material is composed of 20 to 25 percent asbestos.

"The EPA is right about maintaining asbestos in place if it can be contained and if

you're never going to get in and disturb it," Saunders said. Continued work on and improvements to campus buildings complicates the situation. "You can't have them (maintenance workers) up there unless you can go up and get the asbestos out first," she said.

Asbestos is a term used to describe certain fibrous materials that occur naturally in rock formations.

Because asbestos is remarkably resistant to fire and corrosion, and is extremely effective as insulation, it was used prolifically from the 1940s through the 1970s.

Before health risks were confirmed, asbestos was used in a wide variety of construction materials, including acoustical ceiling tiles,

sprayed-on fire-proofing, vinyl floor coverings, and pipe and duct insulation.

The "managing asbestos in place" techniques often recommended by the EPA and other agencies requires an operations and maintenance program that has strict guidelines. These include the maintenance and cleanup of ACM, the prevention of further released fibers, and the monitoring of conditions for the life of the building.

A survey of HCC buildings performed in 1992 by Alpha Engineering, a consulting firm specializing in hazardous materials, estimated the cost for removal of all ACM detected in Bldg. 9 would be \$139,737.30. Babington said that a recent estimate for the complete as-

bestos removal job, which would include replacing removed materials, is \$335,000. Babington also said that "we will also do some mechanical modification to the ventilation and air conditioning systems, and that's another \$135,000, for a total of \$470,000."

Studies have shown that long-term exposure is the key factor to high risk from airborne asbestos fibers. The risk of long-term exposure is the reason why office and administration buildings are being cleared of asbestos before classroom buildings.

"The fact that we want to do the office buildings first," Saunders said, is "because we have the most people exposed for the longest period of time."